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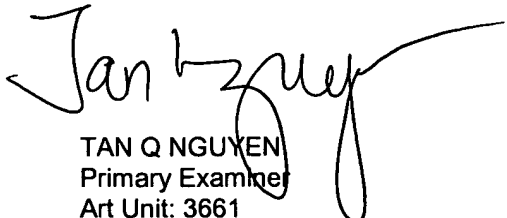
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DETAIL ACTION

Notice to Applicant(s)

1. This office action is responsive to the amendment filed on July 07, 2005. As per request, claims 1-6 have been amended. Claim 7 and 8 have been added. Thus, claims 1-8 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

4. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yokoyama (6,278,941).

5. As per claim 1, Yokoyama discloses a navigation terminal includes a measurement section for measuring a current position of the vehicle (see figure 1, item 104), a communication section for transmitting information to an information center (see figure 1, item 108), and a destination setting section for setting a destination (see figure 1, items 105 and 106). Yokoyama also discloses that after the communication section establishes a connection line with the information center, the communication section transmits information indicating the measured current position as information for router search (see at least figure 5, steps S10a-S11b).

6. Yokoyama does not explicitly disclose a control section for determining if a communication line between the communication section and the information center is established as to whether instructs the communication section to establish the communication line. However, Yokoyama does disclose the bi-communication means between the vehicle and the information as shown in figure 5, step S10a and S10b, to perform a request for connection of a communication circuit to the center apparatus side. It would have been obvious to an ordinary skill in the art to realize that in the bi-communication, there should be a control section to process the request for establishing the communication line, just to ensure and establish the communication line, i.e when the communication line is not established, it will be instructed to establish such communication line.

7. As per claim 2, Yokoyama further discloses the information for the router search includes information indicating the destination (see at least figure 5, steps S12b and S13b).

8. With respect to claims 3-8, the limitations of these claims have been noted in the rejections above. They are therefore considered rejected as set forth above.

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9. All claims are rejected.
10. Applicant's argument filed on July 07, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not deemed to be persuasive.
11. Upon the amended claims and the newly added claims which raise new issue, the new ground of rejection has been set forth above.
12. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).
13. A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.
14. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to examiner Tan Nguyen, whose telephone number is (571) 272-6966. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 5:30 AM-4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas Black, can be reached on (571) 272-6956.

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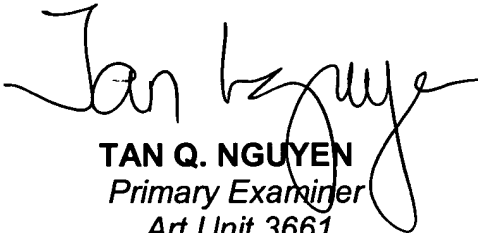
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